**CoverSports FieldSaver winter turf blankets/growth covers**

FieldSaver covers protect turf from harsh winter conditions and promote faster spring growth and green-up. FieldSaver is also a budget-saver. Josh Slayback, athletic field technician for the City of Clayton, MO calculated the savings impact of FieldSaver:

“Winter turf blankets are an excellent investment, especially considering that sodding two 60’x60’ soccer goal mouths each spring, over 8 years would cost over $16,000. To purchase two 60’x60’ winter turf covers, seed and preventative fungicide over 8 years (the life expectancy of CoverSports Winter Turf Blankets) costs an estimated $2,500.”

Shaw Park 2010 winter renovation plan: Core aerated 6 directions; seed with a turf type tall fescue/Kentucky bluegrass mix at 15#/per 1000 ft²; apply granular preventative fungicide; cover goal mouths with winter turf blankets; run last irrigation cycle of the season. (See photo of before/after at Shaw Park, Clayton, MO, 2010.)

CoverSports USA

**EVERGREEN turf blanket by COVERMASTER**

Environmentally friendly, the EVERGREEN turf blanket is ideal to grow and maintain healthy grass. Made of recyclable material, it’s the greenhouse effect of the special weave that greens up grass earlier in spring and maintains it longer in the fall. It also keeps fertilizer in place and reduces energy costs by retaining heat, especially on heated soil. EVERGREEN’s unique coating process maintains the cover’s integrity when using anchor pegs to hold the cover in place, thereby eliminating the need for hems and grommets. Yet it can easily by cut or shaped to fit any configuration. No wonder more than 90% of NFL and MLB teams rely on EVERGREEN.

COVERMASTER Inc.

**New GreenJacket AFS insulation**

We have been listening. While our foam insulation will still be available, we are answering the call for a better method to insulate and allow passive airflow under the GreenJacket. Visit www.greenjacket.com for more information. With sales associates across the United States, Canada from Winnipeg west and Europe, GreenJacket winter turf protection products have moved to the forefront of winter turf protection. You can “FIND A REP” in the menu bar or contact us directly at anytime. We invite you to look around the GreenJacket website to learn more about our impermeable and permeable covers, turf protection product(s), the tests that have been done, and trials that have utilized the GreenJacket as their winter protection method.

GreenJacket Turf Protection Systems

**New shear strength tester from Turf-Tec**

The new Turf-Tec Shear Strength Tester also known as a shear vane apparatus in scientific literature is a specially designed tool to test the stability of natural grass athletic field turfgrass root systems. In addition, the Turf-Tec Shear Strength Tester can also test the types and depth of cleats that will perform best in your particular turfgrass root system and environment. Knowing the correct cleat to play in will not only insure proper footing during play, but will also reduce slipping and may also create a safer playing environment for athletes.

The unique design of the new Turf-Tec Shear Strength Tester with the shear vane foot allows the turf stability to be tested to insure the health of the root system directly on athletic fields. The Turf-Tec Shear Strength Tester can also test different cleat designs and cleat depths to insure proper footing during play.

Turf-Tec International

**I-Core 3.0 with built-in solar sync**

Hunter Industries announced a major enhancement to the popular I-Core advanced irrigation controller, with the release of its 3.0 operating system. The controller now has built-in compatibility with the Hunter Solar-Sync climate sensor, allowing automatic self-adjustment for changing weather conditions. The new version of the I-Core controller features a Solar Sync dial position, and allows all sensor setup functions from the main control panel. The controller also permits a Solar Sync Delay feature, allowing the installer to specify a number of days before the controller switches to automatic adjustment mode. Version 3 I-Core controllers need only add a Solar Sync Sensor, or the increasingly popular wireless version of the sensor, to take full advantage of automated water saving technology. Each of the controller’s 4 irrigation programs may be set to use the weather adjustment, or to run individually without automatic adjustment for special applications.

Hunter Industries

**PBI-Gordon’s Katana turf herbicide gets California registration**

PBI-Gordon Corporation announced that its Katana Turf Herbicide received registration with the State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation, allowing its use as a spot treatment on residential lawns. Additionally, there are expanded use directions on professionally managed sports turf; previously, it had been approved only for “professionally managed college and professional sports fields”. The herbicide had previously received EPA registration and been available in most southern and transition zone states. The labeling permits Katana to be used on professionally managed sports fields. Katana Turf Herbicide is part of PBI-Gordon’s ProForm product line of fast-acting herbicides. Like other products in this line, Katana continues to work in cooler weather, and is not as temperature-dependent as competitive products. The herbicide is labeled for control of 58 weeds including sedges, grasses and broadleaf weeds with post-emergence and some pre-emergence activity.

PBI-Gordon

**Sno*Melter cable kit keeps walkways clear of ice and snow**

New Sno*Melter Cable Kits from EasyHeat are simple to install, energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly, offering safe, reliable snow melting throughout the winter months. In stock and available for immediate shipment, the dual-element, fixed-resistance cables are UL Listed and CSA Certified, and provide the simplest and safest method of winter protection for your home or business. When combined with an EasyHeat controller (sold separately), Sno*Melter Cable Kits are extremely cost effective and eliminate the expensive, labor-intensive hassles of snow removal by automatically maintaining a surface temperature above freezing.

Cable selection is easy, all you need to know is the amount of surface area that is to be cleared of snow. EasyHeat Sno*Melter Cable Kits are available in sizes that cover from 10 to 100 square feet with just a single cable.

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